

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-29, 32-38, and 47-49 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels non-elected claims 34-38 and 47-49. Thus, claims 1-10, 12-29, 32-33 remain pending upon entry of the instant amendment. Claim 1 is independent.

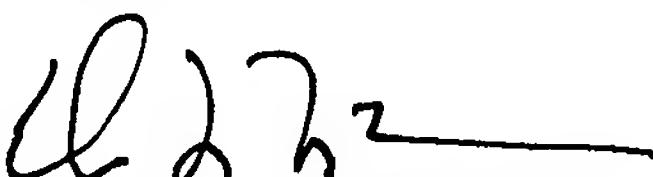
Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

The Office Action requires restriction under PCT Rule 13.1 among the method of Group I (claims 1-10, 12-29, and 32-33), the apparatus of Group II (claims 34-38), and the glass product of Group III (claims 47-49).

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, which includes claims 1-10, 12-29, and 32-33.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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